

**OPEN MINUTES**  
**Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage**  
**February 25, 2002 – 12:30 p.m.**  
**Division of Professional Registration**  
**3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri**

At 12:33 p.m., the Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage telephone conference call meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Miller, Chairperson at the Division of Professional Registration located at 3605 Missouri Boulevard in Jefferson City, Missouri.

**Board Members Present**

Elizabeth Miller, Chairperson

Bernard Wesley, Vice-Chairperson (Joined the call at 12:45 p.m., exited at 1:24 p.m., and while in closed session rejoined the call 1:40 p.m.)

Sid Brantley, Secretary

Kevin Snedden

Christi Warner

Juliet Mee – Nonvoting member (Joined the at 12:42 p.m and exited the call at 2:20 p.m.)

Dr. Gretchen Lockett, (Joined the call at 12:50 p.m. and exited the call at 1:36 p.m.)

**Staff Present**

Loree Kessler, Executive Director

Jeanette Stuenkel, Executive I (Joined the call at 12:41 p.m.)

Chad Sooter, Licensure Technician

Daryl Hylton, Assistant Attorney General (Exited the call at 2:20 p.m.)

**Visitors**

Peggy Smith, Director of Education, BMSI Institute, LLC

Steven Hoeper

Karen Turner, Dr. Lockett's secretary

A motion was made by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Snedden to approve the open session agenda. Board members voting aye; Ms. Warner, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Snedden and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Miller asked the visitors to introduce themselves and asked the everyone to give their name when speaking so people on the call would know if a board member or staff person was responding to a question. Ms. Miller also stated she would be voting in open and closed sessions.

A motion was made by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Snedden to approve the open session minutes o the January 7, 2002 board meeting. Board members voting aye; Ms. Warner, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Brantley, and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Review & Approval - Out of State Programs**

The board reviewed the memorandum provided by the executive director. It was determined that the board would review out of state massage therapy programs as follows;

1. Application for licensure by reciprocity – Board reviews law and rules of state to determine equivalency with Missouri. If the two laws are substantially equivalent, an application by reciprocity can be approved. The staff was asked to provide a listing of states that had been reviewed by the board.
2. Application for licensure by examination with out of state program – If the applicant started the program prior to September 30, 2000 (effective date of the Missouri licensure regulations) the board would verify approval of the program by the state and program content.
3. If the applicant started the program after September 30, 2000 the board would verify approval of program by the state, program content and instructor information.

The board requested input from counsel. A motion was made by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Snedden to obtain the advice in closed session. Board members voting aye, Ms. Warner, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Wesley and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Lockett joins the conference call.

### **Correspondence BMSI – Peggy Smith, Director**

Ms. Smith requested the board discuss the placement of various courses in the core areas of study. Specifically, Ms. Smith requested the board discuss hydrotherapy, Reiki I, II & II, Kinesiology/Touch for Health I-II and Pathology.

Ms. Miller and Ms. Mee explained that because Reiki was an exempt category for licensure courses in this area are considered ancillary and not part of the massage therapy and practice core area. Mr. Brantley indicated the Reiki therapists had lobbied the legislation to make sure they would be exempt from massage therapy licensure.

It was recommended that Ms. Smith forward the name of the student from BMSI that had a recent transcript review to the executive and Ms. Mee indicated she would review the transcript and how the courses were assigned to the core areas. Additionally, Ms. Smith indicated she would provide course descriptions for the aforementioned areas to assist the board in determine core area of study.

The board asked the executive director to expedite a response to Ms. Smith's letter as soon as possible.

### **Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Snedden nominating Liz Miller for chairperson. Hearing no other nominations Ms. Miller was elected by acclamation of the board members Ms. Warner, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Wesley and Dr. Lockett. Ms. Miller abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Wesley and seconded by Ms. Warner nominating Kevin Snedden as vice-chairperson. Hearing no other nominations Mr. Snedden was elected by acclamation of the board members Ms. Warner, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Wesley, Dr. Lockett and Ms. Miller. Mr. Snedden abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Snedden and seconded by Dr. Lockett nominating Mr. Wesley as secretary. Hearing no other nominations Mr. Wesley was elected by acclamation of the board members Mr. Snedden, Dr. Lockett, Ms. Warner, Mr. Brantley and Ms. Miller. Mr. Wesley abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The next board conference call will convene March 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Miller thanked the visitors for taking time to be on the conference call. All board members, staff, and visitors then exited the conference call in order for the board to convene in closed session.

At 1:24 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Snedden and seconded by Dr. Lockett to convene in closed session pursuant to sections 610.021(14) and 620.010.14(7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant, section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation, and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. Board members voting aye; Mr. Snedden, Dr. Lockett, Mr. Brantley, and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

At 2:40 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Snedden and seconded by Mr. Wesley to convene in open session. Board members voting aye; Mr. Snedden, Mr. Wesley, Mr. Brantley, Ms. Warner and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

At 2:41 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Brantley and seconded by Mr. Snedden to adjourn the conference call meeting. Motion carried unanimously.



Executive Director

Approved by Board on March 25, 2002